

August 5, 1940

## **M. J. Pfeifer Rites Held Last Thursday**

Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church last Thursday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock for Maximilian J. Pfeifer, who died at his home here on August 5. The Rev. L. C. Benson officiated both at the church and at the Groton cemetery where the body was laid to rest.

Several songs were rendered by the Misses Betty Peterson and Irene Anderson of this city. Pall bearers were: Floyd, Norman and Robert Pray, Robert Preston, Frank Wagener and Clarence Quincer.

Relatives in attendance from out of town included: Mrs. Anna Semrich, Watertown, Wis.; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Quincer and daughter, Claribelle, Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Quincer and sons, all of Wadena, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. Ben Henderson and daughter, Evah of Dupree; Mr. and Mrs. F. S. Wagener of Sioux Falls; Miss June Wagener of Brookings; John Kranhold of Ortley; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Preston and family of Marshall, Minn.; Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Pasch, Sam Wertzman, Mrs. Walter Leinen and August Meidenwaldt, all of Doran, Minn.

August 8, 1940

## **MAX PFEIFER DIES SUDDENLY MONDAY**

Maximillian J. Pfeifer, a life-long resident of this community, died suddenly Monday afternoon as he was busy with small chores about the yard of his home. He had been in ill health with a heart malady for the past five years, but a few hours previous to his death he had not complained of suffering pain.

He sank suddenly to the ground out in the yard near his home and was discovered simultaneously by near neighbors and by his wife who had returned from down town a few minutes earlier. Dr. C. O. Olson, who resides only a short distance from the Pfeifer home, was summoned immediately, but life was extinct when he arrived.

Maximillian Pfeifer was born at Watertown, Wis., on May 20, 1881, and came to Dakota Territory with his parents in 1888. The family settled in Riverside township northwest of Groton where the deceased spent his boyhood. He was married to Miss Ella Kranhold at Kenmare, N. D., on May 29, 1902 and two children were born to the union. One of them a son, Edwin, preceded his father in death in 1919. His wife and a daughter, Mrs. Frank Reinhardt, of Groton, survive. Other survivors are: Three sisters, Mrs. Anna Zemrich, Watertown, Wis.; Mrs. Clara Quincer, Wadena, Minn., and Mrs. Eliazbeth Wagner, Groton, and two brothers, Arthur E. Pfeifer, Groton, and Charles Pfeifer of Sullivan, Wis. Two granddaughters also survive.

The Pfeifers have resided in Groton a long period during which time he was manager of the Groton elevator of the Ferney Farmers' Co-Operative Elevator Co. for many years.

Funeral exercises will be held at the Presbyterian church on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 8, at 2:00 o'clock, with the Rev. L. C. Benson officiating. Interment will be in the Groton cemetery.